**Availability of Natural Gas**

1813. SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the State-wise distribution of available natural gas at present?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): The State-wise average supply of natural gas during the year 1990-91 was as follows:

| | (*MMSCMD*) |
|---|---|
| Gujarat | 3.763 |
| Assam | 2.544 |
| Tripura | 0.192 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 0.113 |
| Tamil Nadu | 0.023 |
| Maharashtra | 14.833 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1.627 |
| Rajasthan | 1.146 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 4.480 |
| Delhi | 0.490 |
| | 29.211 |

**Rail Link from Hazipur to Sugauli in Bihar**

1814. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to lay a branch line from Hazipur to Sugauli *via* Vaishali, Sahibganj, Kesira, Gobindganj, Pahadpur and Harsidhi;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

**Modernisation of Akola Railway Station (S.R.)**

1815. SHRI PANDURANG PUNDLIK FUNDKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Akola Railway station on Central Railway is being modernised;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned therefor;

(c) the nature of modernisation;

(d) the amount spent thereon so far; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for speeding up the modernisation work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Rs. 82.18 lakh.

(c) The modernisation scheme provides for additional cover over platforms, improvement to circulating area, improvements to the station building, provision of additional foot-over-bridge, new booking-cum-reservation office, provision of additional seating arrangements and shelter for licensed porters.

(d) Rs. 48.64 lakh.

(e) All works proposed to be taken up are progressing as per schedule and certain works have been completed. Remaining works are expected to be completed by 1993 subject to availability of funds.

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**Konkan Type Railway Projects**

1816. SHRI K. MURALEE DHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start projects like Konkan Railway line; and